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Committee on Conferences
Substantive session of 2007

Draft report

III. Meetings management/improved utilization of conference-servicing resources and facilities

A. Matters related to and intersessional departures from the approved calendar for 2007

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 61/236 of 22 December 2006, approved the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2007 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences[1] and authorized the Committee to make any adjustments that might become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the Assembly at its sixty-first session. The finalized calendar was issued as document A/AC.172/2007/2.

2. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee had decided that, in future, requests for intersessional departures submitted to the Committee should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

3. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee had agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee had decided that requests for intersessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes, as decided upon by the Committee at its substantive session of 1994, should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

5. Requests submitted in 2007 for changes of venue or additional sessions/meetings and the action taken by the Committee are set out below.

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/61/32), annex II.

Organ	*Request*	*Action taken*
Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf	To convene four additional meetings on 11 and 13 September 2007 in order to avoid ambiguity during technical deliberations on several key issues pertaining to the Commission's programme of work. Conference services to be provided on "as available" basis.	Request approved
Fifth Committee	To extend the second part of its resumed session by one week to 8 June 2007. Exact dates were arranged in consultation with conference services to enable servicing those meetings within existing resources.	Request approved
Ninth Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names	To convene one additional meeting on 31 August 2007 in order to conclude its work. Conference services were to be used from those allocated to the Group of Experts on Geographical Names comprised of the same delegates and scheduled to meet with confirmed services on that day. (However, the services requested were not required since the Conference completed the work of the ninth session within the allocated time.)	Request approved
UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board	To hold one formal meeting on 11 January 2007 in order to elect its new Bureau. Conference services provided within existing resources.	Request approved